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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated August 27, 2002, Applicant hereby requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment. The facts are as follows:

- (1) On April 2, 2002, Applicant filed a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) via Express Mail, a copy of which is enclosed.
- (2) A postcard that accompanied the CPA application was stamped by the Patent Office, thereby showing receipt of the application; and a copy of this postcard is enclosed.
- (3) The CPA application was filed within the three month reply period to the Final Office Action dated January 2, 2002.

Enclosed is the petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MCT.010700US).

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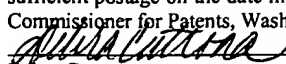


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